

# Welcome to the Church of Saint Richard of Chichester

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## October 11, 2020 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The parish plans to continue live-stream and recording Sunday, Holy Days, and other special liturgies on the parish's YouTube channel as indicated by the " \* " in the weekly liturgy schedule.

Parish YouTube Channel: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YO\\_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5YO_SqC1KeZsvFjO4vpw3Q)

### Mon. 10/12, 8:00am—Weekday

Marge & Frank Morris by Aunt Marge & Family

### Tues. 10/13, 8:00am—Weekday

Deceased diocesan priests

### Wed. 10/14, 8:00am—Weekday;

*St. Callistus I, Pope & Martyr*

Jill McElhenny Toter by Bill & Karen Chilinkas

### Thurs. 10/15, 6:00pm—St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

Marian DeLancey by Jack & Maryanne Guinan

### Fri. 10/16, 8:00am—Weekday;

*St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

Theresa Schropp by Helen Dunsavage

### Sat. 10/17, October 18th Vigil

Mass @ 4:00pm

People of the Parish

### \*Sun. 10/18, 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass @ 8:30am

(Also continued to be Live-Streamed)

Patricia Beichey by Chris & Debby McKinley

### Sun. 10/18

Mass @ 10:30am

Frank Syzdek by Gladys & Sandy

### Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated after the 10:30am Sunday Mass. Parents need to be registered parishioners and attend a Baptismal Preparation Class. At least one Godparent must be a practicing Catholic for a valid reception of Baptism and also obtain a Certificate of Eligibility from their parish.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays @ 3:30pm in the vestibule or call the rectory to schedule an appointment.

### Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ~ 9:00am—12:00noon

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Arrangements should be made at least one year prior to the proposed wedding date to begin pre-nuptial instructions before making any arrangements. Please call the parish office for more information and schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

### Sponsor Eligibility:

Certificates of Eligibility for Baptism and Confirmation require the sponsor to be a registered & active member of the parish. Please call the parish office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:  
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak (800) 791-9209  
[victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

Diocesan Secretary for Youth Protection:  
Pamela Russo (610) 871-5200 Ext. 2204  
[prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:prusso@allentowndiocese.org)

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service:  
If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service @  
[www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) or by calling 800-276-1562.

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited & encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more info about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, & Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) & click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right hand corner of the page.

## Readings for Sunday Mass, October 18th:

IS 45:1, 4-6; PS 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10; 1 THES 1:1-5B;  
MT 22:15-21

### Responsorial Psalm:

**I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.**

Dear parish family,

I am praying for all of you daily and hope that the start of the new school year went well despite the extraordinary safety precautions. This past week the Church celebrated the feast day of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest, commonly known as "Padre Pio."

Francesco Forgione was born of poor farm workers in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina on 25 May 1887. From a young age, he longed to become a Capuchin. He even told his mother that he wanted "to be a friar...with a beard." Francesco's obliging father traveled all the way to America to earn the money to support his son's vocation.

In 1903, Francesco, age sixteen, joined the Capuchins, donning the Capuchin habit and taking the name Pio. He was ordained a priest seven years later on August 10, 1910. Within a month, he received the extraordinary gift of the stigmata, the wounds of Christ in his own flesh, a gift he prayed to have removed, but finally accepted. The wounds were invisible but nonetheless painful. The stigmata became visible in 1918, and Padre Pio would bear them for the rest of his life. His fame spread widely, and with this came suspicion, false accusations, and repeated investigation by the Holy Office.

The stigmatist's superiors were understandably concerned, and they therefore imposed on Padre Pio a decade of seclusion at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo. As for the subject of all this notoriety, he simply declared, "It is under the cross that one learns to love."

It was during his ten years of enforced solitude that the saint composed his well-known prayer, *Resta con Me* ("Stay with Me, Lord"):

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have Thee present so that I do not forget Thee. Thou knowest how easily I abandon Thee. Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak, and I need Thy strength that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for Thou art my light, and without Thee I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Thy will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Thy voice and follow Thee.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love Thee very much and to be in Thy company always.

### Green Phase, Part 1

1. The faithful who attend Mass will be **required to wear** masks and maintain social distancing. Family groups may be seated together.

2. Please bring your own hand sanitizer.

3. For Sunday Masses, I plan to use the overflow Mass procedure having some people seated in the lower church hall with the Mass projected on the screen, while the Mass is celebrated in the church. This procedure will be eventually discontinued sometime during the Green Phase Part 1 or 2, since more parishioners will be able to attend Mass in the Church proper.

4. **Sunday Mass attendance will be limited to 80 people in the church (50% of the church seating capacity) and 20 people in the lower church hall for the overflow Mass procedure. A maximum of 25 people permitted in the church hall for non-liturgical functions.**

5. **Sunday Mass attendees may enter the church using the ramp door only, 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**

6. **Weekday Mass attendance will be limited to 80 people (50% of the church seating capacity) in the church.**

**Sunday Collection:** Regular: \$3,497 ~ Candles: \$81

**Second Collections:** 10/4~Monthly Supplement;  
10/11~Parish Utilities; 10/18~World Mission Sunday;  
10/25~All Souls

Stay with me, Lord, if Thou wisheth me to be faithful to Thee.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is I want it to be a place of consolation for Thee, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches.

It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need Thee. It is getting late and death approaches. I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need Thee, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need Thee. Let me recognize Thee as Thy disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart. Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to Thee, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for Divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Thy Presence, oh yes, I ask this of Thee!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is Thou alone I look for, Thy Love, Thy Grace, Thy Will, Thy Heart, Thy Spirit because I love Thee and ask no other reward but to love Thee more and more.

With a firm love, I will love Thee with all my heart while on earth and continue to love Thee perfectly during all eternity. Amen.

In 1928, Padre Pio was at last allowed to appear in public, and for the next forty years, pilgrims flocked to the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor and intercessor and where he reconciled numerous sinners to Christ in the confessional for many hours each day. Despite the sensation caused by the stigmata, Padre Pio would often say, "I want exult with holy joy.... All that Jesus suffered in his Passion, I too have suffered, insofar as it is possible for a human creature."

May God bless you and keep you all,  
+Father Eric Tolentino

### **A maximum of 25 people permitted in the church hall for non-liturgical functions.**

**7. Weekday Mass attendees may enter the church using the ramp door only, 30 minutes before the scheduled Mass.**

**8. The Saturday vigil Mass for Sunday will be at 4:00 PM. Sunday morning Masses will be at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM. Sunday 8:30 AM Masses will also continue to be live-streamed for those unable to attend Mass.**

This procedure will eventually be discontinued sometime during the Green Phase Part 1 or 2, since more parishioners will be able to attend Mass in the Church proper.

9. Weekday Masses will be at 8:00 AM Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 6:00 PM on Thursdays.

10. Holy Communion for people attending Mass will be distributed immediately at the end of Mass in the Church only. After the people who attended Mass receive communion in the church, please exit using the ramp door of the church. After finishing distributing Holy Communion in the church after the Sunday Masses only, one of the clergy will be available outside of church at the bottom of the ramp to distribute communion to anyone in the parking lot who was not able to attend Mass.

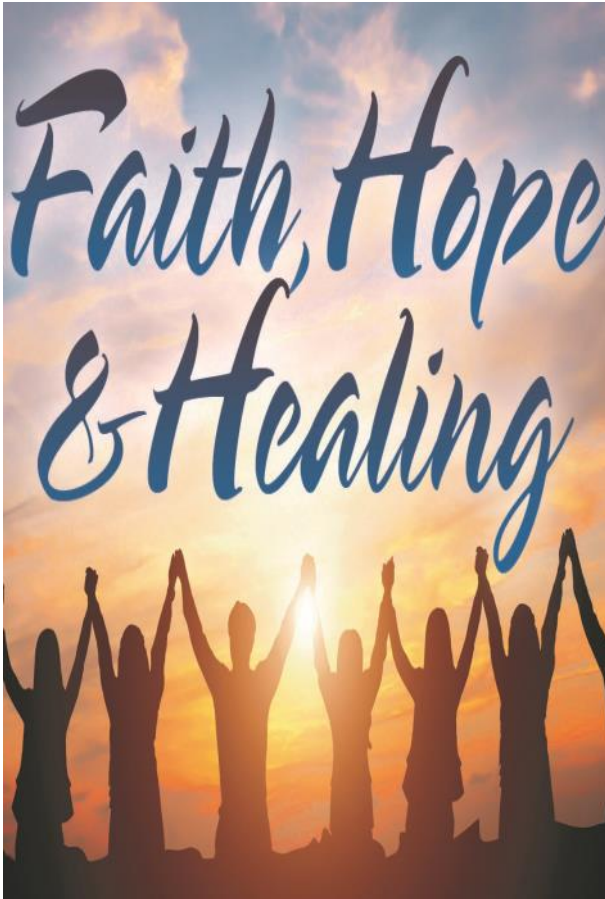
**Religious Education:**

Grades 5th - 8th ~ 10/11/2020 @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall  
Grades 1st- 4th ~ 10/18/2020 @ 9:30 am in Church Hall  
Grades 5th - 8th ~ 10/25/2020 @ 6:00 pm in Church Hall

**Parish Drop Boxes:** As many of you have already seen, there are 2 drop boxes located on the Parish Rectory porch. The larger box will be used for anyone wanting to drop off anything that comes directly to the office, the smaller box will be for all fundraising returns. Both these boxes are locked and will be opened by office personnel. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office during business hours. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus Council 2711:** Living Rosary, October 26th at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at St. John XXIII, Tamaqua.

**Fall Basket Raffle:** St. Teresa of Calcutta will hold a basket raffle, Shop 'N Drop ONLY on Thursday, October 22nd, Friday, October 23rd, and Saturday, October 24th from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm in the hall. Please adhere to all Diocesan and CDC Rules, masks must be worn. All winners will be notified on Sunday, October 25th. Baked goods and food platter will also be available for take out only.



Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our *Faith, Hope & Healing* Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at [www.strichard.org](http://www.strichard.org) and complete an electronic Commitment Card, mail it in, or bring it to the parish office.

Electronic giving is the preferred, easy, safe and secure way to give to our parish. To schedule a recurring electronic gift directly from your bank account or credit card, please visit our website and follow the instructions.

We appreciate all parishioners using this means to support our parish.

## The Angelus

V. The angel spoke God's message to Mary,

R. and she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail, Mary ....

V. "I am the lowly servant of the Lord:

R. let it be done to me according to your word."

Hail, Mary ....

V. And the Word became flesh

R. and lived among us.

Hail, Mary ....

V. Pray for us, holy Mother of God.

R. That we may become worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Priest:** Let us pray.

V. Lord,

fill our hearts with your grace:

once, through the message of an angel you revealed to us the incarnation of your Son;

now, through his suffering and death lead us to the glory of his resurrection.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

## We Gather Together 638

1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Whose kingdom calls all to the love which endures.  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
You, Lord, were at our side; all glory be yours!

## We Are the Light of the World 592

Verse 1:

Blessed are they who are poor in spirit,  
Theirs is the kingdom of God. Bless us, O Lord, make us poor in spirit.

Verse 2.

Blessed are they who are meek and humble,  
They will inherit the earth.  
Bless us, O Lord, make us meek and humble;

Refrain:

We are the light of the world, May our light shine before all,  
That they may see the good that we do, And give glory to God.

## Please Lift Up in Prayer those in need of Healing and Encouragement:

Ann Balas, William Bednar, Mark BeYoung, Bob Blue, Joe Bones, Steve Chakan, Marge Coassolo, Paul Curley, Nina Day, Eddy Freer, William Godanis, Jr., Mike Grigalonis, Peg Grigalonis, Bob Harvan, Dee Harvan, Dr. Francis Kane, Kenny Karlavage, Francis Keiser, Joseph Klatka, George Koval, George Kufrovich, Joe Kufrovich, Linda Light, Theresa (Tess) McManus, Dan Metzger, Bonnie Morgan, Bobby Moucheron, Joel Rivera, Dorothe Schmerfeld, Gene Sault, Dominic Streisel, Mary Ann Thompson, Marilyn Tolan, and Celia Zukoski.

## Intercessory Candles

**St. Richard:** In Loving Memory of my father Michael Sniscak by daughter Mary Helen

Rest in God's Peace Jer, Love wife Pat  
In Loving Memory of my Al, Love Fran

Special Intention by Sue & Jay